

or defined district of said county by a two-thirds vote of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds in any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

TWELFTH DAY.

(Tuesday, January 23, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Cope.
Baker.	Cox.
Beard of Harris.	Crudgington.
Beard of Milam.	Davis of Dallas.
Beasley.	Davis of Grimes.
Beason.	Davis
Bedell.	of Van Zandt.
Bell.	De Bogory.
Bertram.	Dodd.
Blackburn.	Dudley.
Blackmon.	Dunnam.
Blalock.	Estes.
Bland.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Fisher.
Boner.	Fitzpatrick.
Brown.	Florer.
Bryan.	Fly.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hardey.
Butler.	Harris.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Hill.
Carlock.	Holland.
Cates.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson.

Jones.	Rogers.
Laas.	Russell.
Lacey.	Sackett.
Laney.	Sallas.
Lange.	Sentell.
Lanier.	Schlesinger.
Lee.	Schlosshan.
Lindemann.	Scholl.
Lowe.	Seawright.
of McMullen.	Sholars.
Low	Smith of Bastrop.
of Washington.	Smith of Hopkins.
McComb.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Spencer of Nolan.
McDowra.	Spencer of Wise.
McFarland.	Spradley.
McMillin.	Stewart.
Martin.	Swope.
Meador.	Taylor.
Mendell.	Templeton.
Metcalfe.	Thomason.
Miller of Austin.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Monday.	of Nacogdoches.
Moore.	Thompson
Morris.	of Hunt.
Murrell.	Thompson
Neeley.	of Red River.
Neill.	Tillotson.
Nichols.	Tilson.
Nordhaus.	Tinner.
O'Banion.	Trayler.
O'Brien.	Tschoepe.
Osborne.	Valentine.
Parks.	Veatch.
Peddy.	Wahrmond.
Peyton.	Walker.
Pillow.	White.
Poage.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.
Raiden.	Williford.
Reeves.	Wilson.
Richards.	Woods.
Robertson.	Woodul.
Roemer.	

Absent—Excused.

Denton.	Upchurch.
Hartman.	Williams
Strayhorn.	of McLennan.
Terrell.	Yantis.
Thomas.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Upchurch, for today, on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Thomas, for today, on motion of Mr. Spencer of Wise.

Mr. O'Brien, for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Templeton.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Terrell, for today, on motion of Mr. Bedell.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Blalock, Mr. Spencer of Wise and Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 409, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to fees of county officers."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McDowra:

H. B. No. 410, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2819 and 2820, Chapter 15, Title 48 of the Revised Civil Statutes as amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Chapter 132, page 204, so as to provide for a uniform date for the election of trustees in common school districts; providing for election and qualification of trustees; providing for election of officers, how appointed and returns, and repealing all laws in conflict."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Upchurch:

H. B. No. 411, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, Title 52, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, pertaining to the estate of decedents, defining what property may not be set aside to the widow or children of decedent."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the creation of a board of trustees for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining pub-

lic free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Sackett (by request):

H. B. No. 413, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of, and defining, agricultural planting seeds; providing a standard of purity for such seeds, requiring their proper labeling, defining noxious and common weed seeds and inert matter, prohibiting the sale of mixed seeds unless so labeled, providing for the collection of samples and their examination, designating an officer for the enforcement of the law, providing for the expense and enforcement of the law, and fixing penalties for its violation."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Sallas:

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them the power and so forth given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 415, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1999 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, Title 37, Chapter 15, relating to court's enforcing its own decrees and in certain cases doing so by contempt proceedings, and providing for the enforcement of execution or orders of sales wherein personal property is specifically described by contempt proceedings, by attachments, fines and imprisonment."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 416, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and prohibit throw-

ing, placing or depositing anything containing fire or on fire in or upon any public highway within this State other than those within an incorporated city or town, or while on or upon any such highway throwing, placing or depositing anything containing fire or on fire upon the premises of another abutting on such highway, or entering upon the land of another and creating or making, or causing to be created or made, a fire thereon without the consent of the owner or person entitled to the possession thereof, and declaring such acts to be a misdemeanor, and prescribing the punishment therefor."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Roemer:

H. B. No. 417, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that persons who have given a mortgage upon personal property shall report to the holder of the mortgage the death, destruction or loss of such property within a reasonable time; creating an offense for the violation of this act; providing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Meador and Mr. Peddy:

H. B. No. 418, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing the Stephen F. Austin State Normal College, and providing that the State Normal Board of Regents shall control the same, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Terrell, Mr. Bedell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lee, Mr. Smith of Hopkins, Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 419, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish standard containers and standard grades and packs for fruits and vegetables grown in this State for the markets; to prescribe dimensions and cubical contents of such containers; to require the manufacturers of such containers to conform to the standards herein prescribed; to define the different grades and packs as applied to different kinds of fruits and vegetables; to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State to promulgate and publish said standard for the information of the public, and promulgate standards of containers, grades, and packs, in conformity with

those hereafter established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and to promulgate such other standards of containers, grades and packs as in his judgment are expedient and to the best interests of the fruit and truck growers of the State; providing for supervision of the grading and packing of fruits and vegetables through State inspectors to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture; empowering the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this act; prescribing penalties for its violation, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Tillotson:

H. B. No. 420, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 40 and 41 of an act passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 'to provide a system of State bonded warehouses and to afford a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products,' and which amended sections relate to and provide for the control and enforcement of the law; for examination of corporations organized under the provisions of the act; declare all gins charged with a public use, and vesting the board of supervisors of warehouses with the discretionary authority in licensing gins; prescribing bonds for owners of gins; requiring cotton to be sampled by the ginner, and stipulating certain duties of the ginner in connection therewith, and prescribing the number and weight of the cotton samples; designating the amount of capital stock of the corporations organized under the law, and the conditions under which they may begin business; providing a penalty for any one offering a sample of cotton purporting to be a gin sample and which has not been so taken, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cope, Mr. Sackett, Mr. Laas, Mr. Miller of Austin and Mr. Blalock:

H. B. No. 421, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved by the Governor on the 26th day of September, 1914, the same being known as House bill No. 4; the purpose of this bill is to so amend the said act that the Warehouse and Marketing Department thereby created shall

hereafter be known as the Marketing and Warehouse Department; shall hereafter be administered by one person, who shall be known by the official title of Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses of the State of Texas, but who may be designated in this bill as 'Commissioner,' who shall be appointed by the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to fix the compensation of said Commissioner, and to provide for paying the compensation so fixed; defining the powers and duties of said Commissioner; to provide the said Commissioner with a chief clerk, and such other assistants as he may require to fully administer this amending act; to fix the compensation for said chief clerk and other assistants; and to provide for the payment of the compensation as fixed; to provide a more efficient system for marketing and warehousing of farm products; and to provide standards of weights and measures, and standards of grades and classes for all farm products; also to provide rules and regulations to compel the use of such weights and measures, and grades and classes, in the purchase and sale of all such products within this State; to authorize and require the Commissioner to fix and enforce the compensation for cotton ginning; to provide and enforce rules and regulations for ginning, baling, weighing, marking and sampling of cotton, and such other necessary service as may be incident to the ginning of cotton and preparing it for sale in the primary markets; to provide and enforce the necessary rules for making and keeping necessary records of each bale of cotton ginned; to provide for sampling cotton at the gins, and for wrapping, sealing, and certifying to such samples so taken; to provide what shall constitute cotton gins public utilities; authorize the licensing of such gins; and putting all such gins under the supervision, management and control of the Commissioner; providing that all such gins shall give bond, how such bonds may be made, and regulating the amount of each such bond; creating the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Markets a board to hear and determine matters of dispute between licensed ginners under rules and regulations adopted by said board, and creating the Governor president of said board; to provide a system of rural

credit associations; to provide a system of co-operative marketing and warehouse associations; to provide how such associations may be capitalized, governed and controlled, under the control of the Commissioner; and authorizing said Commissioner to supervise, inspect, and regulate such warehouses, and the compensation they may charge; to authorize the Commissioner to license graders, classers, and inspectors of cotton and other farm products; to define their duties, and to fix and test their qualifications; to define, fix and enforce their liabilities; to fix and collect a license fee from such persons; to provide and fix a bond for each such classifier or grader; and to fix and limit their compensation for such services; to fix and enforce penalties for violating the terms and requirements of this act; to provide for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 422, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6268 and 6277, of Chapter 2, Title 105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to the making of proof for Confederate pensions, providing that such proofs may be made before a justice of the peace or notary public, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities, towns and villages, incorporated under and by virtue of any act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, general or special, to accept the provisions of Chapters 1 to 13, both inclusive, of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and amendments of 1911, 1913 and 1915 thereto, upon a two-thirds vote of the city, town or village council thereof, and to authorize and empower the city or town council thereof to enlarge or diminish, alter or change and redefine the bounds and limits of such cities, towns, and villages so as to make them conform to the requirements of Article 777 of the Revised Statutes, and providing that any and all property of such cities, towns and villages accepting the provisions of Chapters 1 to 13 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes of Texas shall remain the property of such city, town or village,

and may be sold by the councils of such cities, towns and villages and the proceeds of such sales appropriated to the purchase, acquisition or construction and maintenance and operation of systems of waterworks, sewer, gas and electric light and power plants and lighting systems, and for other public improvements within such cities, towns and villages, as may be determined by the councils of such cities, towns and villages, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 424, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the payment of a State tax for the use or the furnishing for use of trading stamps, cards, coupons, tickets, certificates, or any trading stamp device or premium-scheme supplies, in connection with the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise; the engaging in the business of dealing in the manufacturers' or packers' redeemable tokens, and the engaging in or promoting of any gift-enterprise scheme or business which may be contrary to the public welfare."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Greenwood:

H. B. No. 425, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing additional duties for the county attorney of Wichita county, and fixing his compensation for same."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Johnson:

H. B. No. 426, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of State Commissioner of Education, prescribing the manner of his election, defining his term of office, fixing his salary, prescribing his duties, providing for substitute of title of 'State Commissioner of Education' for 'State Superintendent of Public Instruction,' and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Education.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House Joint Resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Tillotson, Mr. Butler, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sackett and Mr. Davis of Grimes:

H. J. R. No. 30, Proposing to amend

Article 7, Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which article relates to education, and which sections provide for the establishment and support of the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and for a branch college for the instruction of colored youths, and which amendments provide for the permanent location of the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College and the State College of Industrial Arts; to provide that the Texas State Medical College shall be a branch of the University of Texas and for its permanent location; provides that said University, said Agricultural and Mechanical College and said College of Industrial Arts shall be separate State institutions and independent in organization; provides for the sale of the lands belonging to the University of Texas permanent fund, and for the division of the proceeds of such sale and all securities between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, directs the conditions under which said lands shall be sold and the securities in which such permanent fund of each institution shall be invested; provides that the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas may utilize the permanent fund of each as a basis for the issuance of bonds for permanent improvements, and for redemption of such bonds; provides that the governing board of Agricultural and Mechanical College shall make provision for permanent buildings for the Prairie View Normal and Industrial College from the proceeds of bond issued by the said Agricultural and Mechanical College; provides that the Legislature shall make provisions by appropriation or tax levy or both for the maintenance of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and for the development and support of the College of Industrial Arts, Normal Schools and Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; provides that the Legislature may establish and provide for the equipment and maintenance of four Junior Agricultural Schools, and for the establishment and maintenance of three additional Normal Schools and the general location of each of said institutions; provides that the Legislature shall give encouragement and direction to the development of a University of the first class, and an Agricultural and Mechan-

ical College of the first class and a College of Industrial Arts of the first class; provides for the submission of this proposed amendment of the Constitution to the people, fixing the date for the election to be held, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of said election.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Martin, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 154 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Greenwood, it was ordered that House bill No. 366 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Estes, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 146 be not printed.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Jones, it was ordered that House bill No. 146, reported unfavorably, be printed.

"SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL DAY."

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, to designate March 2nd as "Sam Houston Memorial Day," the resolution having been read on Thursday, January 11, and on that day referred by the Speaker to the appropriate committee.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 5, Relating to sine die adjournment of the Legislature.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature shall stand adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, March 14, A. D. 1917.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the resolution was laid upon the table subject to call.

PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY STENOGRAPHER.

Mr. Bryan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Adele Whittle worked ten days as stenographer before actually being appointed;

Resolved, That she be allowed pay for

the time she served at the specified rate of compensation.

Signed—Bryan, Tillotson.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING POSTOFFICE BOX RENT.

Mr. Parks offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the postoffice box rent of the Chief Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House.

Signed—Parks, Fly, Walker, De Bogory, Stewart.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. O. B. COLQUITT.

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read, the following communication from Hon. O. B. Colquitt, which is printed in the Journal by order of the House:

Dallas, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Speaker: I have been away from home most of the time since the Legislature convened and have not kept up with its proceedings. But upon returning home, on two occasions, Mrs. Colquitt advised me of the effort of newspaper reporters to get a statement from me concerning the refusal of the Supreme Court to grant the writ of error in what is commonly referred to as the "Chicken Salad Case," wherein the Comptroller was enjoined from paying certain bills contracted for supplies at the Governor's Mansion during the last year of my service as Governor. The District Court of Travis county held that the necessities for certain public entertainments, and other incidentals, the cost of which had been covered by a deficiency appropriation of the Legislature, amounted to an unconstitutional appropriation of public money. The suit affected me in no way except for political purposes.

Refusal of the writ of error by the Supreme Court leaves something over three hundred dollars of bills thus contracted, which the Comptroller is enjoined from paying out of the deficiency appropriation made by the previous Legislature. The deficiency was applied for in due form and according to law,

and the Legislature set aside the money to pay the amounts, but the courts have now held that the Legislature acted without authority and in violation of the Constitution in making the appropriation.

All moneys spent out of the appropriation of the two thousand dollars per annum under the heading of "Mansion and Grounds" for "fuel, lights, water, ice, groceries and incidentals," were fully authorized by law. The Legislature, without any request from me, increased this appropriation from six hundred and fifty to two thousand dollars per annum, and changed the wording so as to provide for the payment of public entertainment. In discussing the matter, the three State Senators from the Senate Finance Committee, took the position that there was just as much reason why other items of necessity, and especially the cost of public entertainment, should be paid for by the State, as the ice, fuel and water and light bills. So, upon their recommendation, the appropriation was increased \$1350 per annum for that purpose during the last two years of my service as chief executive.

By reference to other appropriation bills for the Mansion for previous years and previous administrations, you will find that the Legislature had been uniformly appropriating \$1000 per annum, sometimes more and sometimes less, for furniture and repairs. But the appropriation bill for the fiscal years commencing September 1, 1913, and 1914, carried \$2000 for each year for ice, fuel, lights, groceries and incidentals. Nothing was appropriated for furniture and repairs, and hence such furniture as was necessary, and all repairs to the Mansion for those two years, had to be paid out of the two thousand dollars above referred to. If you will refer to the bills on file in the Comptroller's Office, I think you will find bills for furniture, plumbing, electric fixtures, and repairs generally were all paid out of this appropriation, fully one thousand dollars of the second year's appropriation being used for these purposes, and for these reasons the appropriation was exhausted and a deficiency application became necessary.

The chicken salad and other items could have been avoided, of course, but it has always been customary for the Governor to give entertainments to the public on January 1st and to the Legislature. The salad and the punch, therefore, was consumed by the public and by members of the Legislature, in

whose honor some of these receptions were given. They were in no case purchased for the Governor's family, nor was it necessary to buy them for their use. But until the Legislature especially authorized the use of funds for that purpose such expenses were paid by the Governor out of his private funds. I mention this to draw attention to the fact that the appropriation for the fiscal years named left off a thousand dollars per annum for furniture and repairs, and therefore the actual increase in the amount appropriated was small—about \$350 per annum.

But now to the point. This whole matter had its origin in political and personal animus, but I am gratified that it has been finally adjudicated. I see that a resolution has been offered in the House to instruct the Attorney-General to bring suit to recover all sums of moneys paid out for the Mansion and the Governor, falling within the decision of the court as being unauthorized by the Constitution. Of course, as already stated, sums expended out of appropriations already duly made, have been expended according to law, though the law is unconstitutional.

Personally, and officially, I have always tried to strictly conform to the law in expending public funds coming into my hands, and during my long service to the public, as State Senator, Railroad Commissioner and Governor, I never at any time tried to profit by the use of public funds or misapply them in any way. When I was a member of the State Senate, where I served for four years, I vigorously opposed the use of public money to pay for newspapers, pocket knives and other items not absolutely necessary for use in the discharge of my duty as a Senator and member of the Legislature. I think you will find that I refused to avail myself of such funds even when at my disposal. I honestly believe that no public funds, for any purpose, should be used unlawfully, and since the resolution seeks to recover money spent at the Mansion which may come within the court's decision, may I be permitted, as a private citizen, to express the hope that the resolution may be amended so as to enlarge its scope and provide for inquiring into all appropriations and expenditures of public money by all departments, legislative, executive and judicial, not strictly authorized by the Constitution? If this is done I shall be glad, upon presentation

of a bill to me by the Comptroller, to pay every cent expended out of the legislative appropriation for the Governor's Mansion not authorized by the Constitution as held in the court decision in the chicken salad case.

But if similar expenditures are to be allowed by the present Legislature, and condoned in other instances, I can see no good reason why the small sums now due and directly affected by the court's decision should be repudiated.

They shall not go unpaid, however, for I will see that they are settled if it takes the coat off my back to do it. They are debts of honor and ought to be paid, and shall be paid. The matter has served partly its purpose in a political way. Now let's have a financial house-cleaning of all the departments of the State government—don't confine it to the Governor's Mansion, but let it apply to the Governor's Office, to the Attorney-General, the Comptroller, the Land Commissioner, the Secretary of State, Public Instruction, the Fish and Game Department, Banking and Insurance, Adjutant-General, the Legislature, and the courts. I move you, sir, that the resolution provide for a thorough renovation and house-cleaning in order that the actual needs of the government may be met and all unnecessary and unconstitutional appropriations may be eliminated from future appropriation bills, and thus reduce the burden of taxation. If this is not done now, I shall insist in the future that it shall be done—and thoroughly done, too.

I hope I am not asking too much to request you to put this statement in the House Journal in justice to myself, and thus to make a public record of it.

Yours truly,

O. B. COLQUITT.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

Mr. Canales moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by himself striking out the enacting clause of House Joint Resolution No. 2 was adopted on yesterday.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Canales then withdrew the amendment striking out the enacting clause of the resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its final passage,

H. J. R. No. 2, To amend Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the

State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out all of Section 1 of said joint resolution and substitute therefor the following:

"Section 1. That Section 10, of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

"Section 10. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury, and have the right to demand and receive a copy of the accusation against him. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right to be heard by himself or counsel, or both, and the right to compulsory process for all witnesses in his behalf who reside either in the county where the offense is alleged to have been committed or in the county where the case is pending; shall be confronted by the witnesses against him except that when the witness resides out of the State, and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this State the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide, and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense unless upon an indictment of a grand jury except in cases in which the punishment is otherwise than imprisonment, in cases of impeachment, and in cases arising in the army and navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or great public danger."

The amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall House Joint Resolution No. 2 be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—123.

Bagby.	Blackmon.
Baker.	Blalock.
Beard of Harris.	Bland.
Beard of Milam.	Bledsoe.
Beasley.	Boner.
Bedell.	Brown.
Bell.	Bryan.
Blackburn.	Bryant.

Burton of Rusk.	Neill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Nichols.
Butler.	Nordhaus.
Cadenhead.	O'Banion.
Canales.	O'Brien.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Cates.	Parks.
Clark.	Peddy.
Cope.	Peyton.
Cox.	Pillow.
Crudgington.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Raiden.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Robertson.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Russell.
Dunnam.	Sackett.
Estes.	Sallas.
Fairchild.	Sentell.
Fisher.	Schlesinger.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Scholl.
Fly.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hartman.	Smith of Scurry.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spencer of Wise.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Thomason
Lange.	of El Paso.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lee.	of Nacogdoches.
Lindemann.	Thompson
Lowe	of Hunt.
of McMullen.	Thompson
Low	of Red River.
of Washington.	Tillotson.
McComb.	Tilson.
McCoy.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Trayler.
McMillin.	Tschoepe.
Martin.	Valentine.
Meador.	Veatch.
Mendell.	Walker.
Metcalfe.	White.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of Brazoria.
Monday.	Williford.
Moore.	Wilson.
Morris.	Woodul.
Neeley.	

Nays—4.

Beason.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Woods.

Absent.

Hardey.	McFarland.
Hill.	Richards.
Laney	Templeton.

Absent—Excused.

Denton.	Wahrmund.
Strayhorn.	Williams
Terrell.	of McLennan.
Thomas.	Yantis.
Upchurch.	

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 116 of Chapter 96, Acts of Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, providing for the granting of teachers' certificates, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chemical laboratory building, dormitory and power house for the School of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines for said purpose, and for furnishing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to fix the time of filing an answer in all cases where the defendant is cited by publication."

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled

"An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917; and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, requesting our Representatives in the National Congress to call attention of the authorities at Washington to the advantages offered by East Texas for the location of an armor plate plant.

The following bill failed of final passage by vote of 12 to 14:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4610 of Chapter 1, Title 68, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that all persons desirous of marrying in this State shall procure a license authorizing its celebration, and declaring all marriages contracted, entered into or celebrated in any other manner null and void," a copy of which is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,

Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 13, Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

The resolution was read third time.

Mr. Beard of Harris moved the previous question on the passage of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurred on the passage of the resolution.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the House refused to pass the resolution by the following vote (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote):

Yeas—74.

Mr. Speaker.	Beason.
Baker.	Bedell.
Beard of Milam.	Blackmon.

Blalock.	Neeley.
Boner.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	Osborne.
Bryant.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Butler.	Peyton.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Scholl.
Fairchild.	Scholars.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Hopkins.
Florer.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fly.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Hunt.
Jones.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Valentine.
Laney.	Wahrmund.
Lee.	White.
McFarland.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Metcalf.	Williford.
Miller of Austin.	Wilson.
Miller of Dallas.	Woods.
Monday.	Woodul.

Nays—57.

Bagby.	McDowra.
Beard of Harris.	McMillin.
Beasley.	Martin.
Bell.	Mendell.
Bertram.	Moore.
Bland.	Morris.
Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Brown.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nichols.
Cadenhead.	O'Banion.
Canales.	O'Brien.
Cox.	Pillow.
Dodd.	Poage.
Dudley.	Pope.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Estes.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Harris.	Schlosshan.
Hartman.	Seawright.
Lacey.	Smith of Scurry.
Lanier.	Swope.
Lindemann.	Taylor.
Lowe	Templeton.
of McMullen.	Thomason
Low	of El Paso.
of Washington.	Thompson
McComb.	of Red River.
McCoy.	Tilson.

Tinner.	Veatch.
Trayler.	Walker.
Tschoepe.	

Absent.

Blackburn.	Hill.
Cates.	Lange.

Absent—Excused.

Denton.	Upchurch.
Strayhorn.	Williams
Terrell.	of McLennan.
Thomas.	Yantis.

Mr. Veatch moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the resolution, and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question first recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Bagby.	Martin.
Beard of Harris.	Mendell.
Beasley.	Moore.
Bell.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murrell.
Blackburn.	Neill.
Blackmon.	Nichols.
Blalock.	O'Banion.
Bland.	O'Brien.
Bledsoe.	Peyton.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Rusk.	Poage.
Cadenhead.	Pope.
Canales.	Raiden.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Cox.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Dunnam.	Schlosshan.
Estes.	Seawright.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Templeton.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Lacey.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tillotson.
Lindemann.	Tilson.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Trayler.
McComb.	Tschoepe.
McCoy.	Veatch.
McDowra.	Walker.
McFarland.	Woods.
McMillin.	

Nays—63.

Baker.	Bedell.
Beard of Milam.	Boner.
Beason.	Bryan.

Bryant.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Peddy.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Scholl.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fly.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Stewart.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Johnson.	of Nacogdoches.
Jones.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Valentine.
Lange.	Wahrmond.
Meador.	White.
Metcalf.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Dallas.	Williford.
Monday.	Wilson.
Neeley.	Woodul.
Nordhaus.	

Absent.

Cates.	Low
Hill.	of Washington.

Absent—Excused.

Denton.	Upchurch.
Strayhorn.	Williams
Terrell.	of McLennan.
Thomas.	Yantis.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 6, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 7 of Section 14 thereof, by repealing the provisions that prohibit the levy of the tax and appropriation of money out of the general revenue for the establishment and erection of the buildings of the University of Texas; fixing date of election hereunder, and making appropriation to pay expenses thereof.

The resolution having been read second time on yesterday.

Question—Shall the resolution be passed to engrossment?

On motion of Mr. Butler, the resolution was laid upon the table subject to call.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20
ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 20, Proposing to amend Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 22 and 23, Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the term of State officers from two to four years, fixing the salary of said officers, naming the time for said election, and making appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out the words "four years" wherever they appear in the resolution and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two years."

Mr. Tillotson raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that it destroys the purpose of the original resolution.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Dodd, it was lost.

Mr. O'Banion offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 20, Section 2, line 24, by inserting after the word "years" the following: "Provided, the holder of the said offices shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for two consecutive terms."

Signed—O'Banion, Blalock, Spencer of Wise.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Substitute the word "each" for the word "all," which is first word of Section 2 of the resolution.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out the words "Commissioner of Agriculture," on page 1; Section 1, in line 20, and by striking out the words "Commissioner of Agriculture," on page 2, Section 23, in lines 19 and 20.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Nordhaus moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Moore, it was adopted.

The resolution was then passed to engrossment.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Templeton moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Nordhaus moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Templeton prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:05 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AP-
PROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Mendell has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 133, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Neeley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 328, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendations that it do pass. Mr. Low of Washington has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 47, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Valentine has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Cox gives notice of a minority report.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 19, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 29, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee substitute. Mr. Lee has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 10, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee substitute. Mr.

Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 24, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 25, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 387, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 86, have had the same under consideration; and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Morris has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 378, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Dunnam has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 184, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 401, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 193, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Holland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 202, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the

recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Holland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 132, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 40, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 122, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McCoy has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE- FORMS IN CRIMINAL PRO- CEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 361, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Nichols has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 366, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 226, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Fly has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 183, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 354, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Nolan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 65, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Pope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 85, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Reeves has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 243, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Johnson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 102, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thomason of El Paso has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 318, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 158, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 39, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 38, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 249, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 99, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 369, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 268, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 94, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the rec-

ommendation that it do pass. Mr. Haidusek has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 52, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Tilson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 154, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 246, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 400, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr.

Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 2, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 3, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 43, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 37, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 13, Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 17, Proposing to amend Section 1, Article 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to taxation,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Chairman.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

(Wednesday, January 24, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Fly.
Baker.	Greenwood.
Beard of Harris.	Haidusek.
Beard of Milam.	Hardey.
Beason.	Harris.
Bedell.	Hartman.
Bell.	Hawkins.
Bertram.	Hill.
Blackburn.	Holland.
Blackmon.	Hudspeth.
Blalock.	Johnson.
Bland.	Jones.
Bledsoe.	Laas.
Boner.	Lacey.
Brown.	Laney.
Bryan.	Lange.
Bryant.	Lanier.
Burton of Rusk.	Lee.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lindemann.
Butler.	Lowe
Cadenhead.	of McMullen.
Canales.	Low
Carlock.	of Washington.
Cates.	McComb.
Clark.	McCoy.
Cope.	McDowra.
Cox.	McFarland.
Crudgington.	McMillin.
Davis of Dallas.	Martin.
Davis of Grimes.	Meador.
Davis	Mendell.
of Van Zandt.	Metcalfe.
De Bogory.	Miller of Austin.
Dodd.	Miller of Dallas.
Dudley.	Monday.
Dunnam.	Moore.
Estes.	Morris.
Fairchild.	Murrell.
Fisher.	Neeley.
Fitzpatrick.	Neill.
Florer.	Nichols.